(13) Creation of Department of Archives in the Universities and facilities for Archival training

Resolution by Prof. O.P.Bhatnagar

Resolved further that the Indian Historical Records Commission should recommend to the Government, the Universities and the University Grants Commission for the provision of facilities for Archival training and for the creation of Department of Archives along with History.

Secretary's Note

Resolution XIV of the 38th Session (1967) recommended that the Universities be requested to entrust the care of their records to officers who had training in Archives Keeping and also to maintain them on scientific lines as a separate entity. This was reiterated by the Commission at its 40th Session (1970) and the Universities were addressed again on the subject. The action taken on these Resolutions is given in the Conspectus (Annexure).

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The Secretary, Dr.Prasad explained that National Archives of India was already conducting a One Year Diploma Course in Archives keeping and a plan was being finalised for conducting Short Term Record Management Course as suggested by the Estimates Committee of the 4th Lok Sabha and the recommendations made by the Committee of Officers appointed by the Department of Administrative Reforms, Government of India in 1969. Dr.Prasad stated that the problem had twofold bearing; firstly, the availability of arrangements for training and secondly, the scope of absorbing the trained Archivists. The Members by and large agreed with the above views.

One of the important suggestions received favourably was to increase the number of stipends for trainees at the National Archives of India, instead of starting many centres. The Chairman agreed with the above approach and suggested that a survey could be made as to the number of trained Archivists required in the next ten years. He was sure that it was not possible for the University Grants Commission to entertain any new proposals during the current Plan period. Accordingly the following modified resolution was adopted:

> Resolution IX The Commission recommends that the Universities may provide facilities for archival training, during the 5th Five Year Plan period, if the University Grants Commission could provide financial assistance for the purpose.

(14) Trained Archivists for development of Archival Wings in the Universities

Resolution by Dr.M.N.Das

Resolved that the Universities be directed to include at least one trained Archivist in the staff of the Post-Graduate Department of History for development of Archival Wing and research activities.

Explanatory Note

The functions of University Departments being not merely teaching but also research, some trained personnal to assist the members of the staff and the scholars in research work are necessary, and an Archivist is one such person. He will remain in charge of the Archival Wing, collect archival material, train scholars in archival knowledge and establish liaison between the Department and the Archives.

Secretary's Note

Resolution XIV of the 38th Session (1967) recommended inter alia that the Universities be requested to entrust the